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## Finance Committee Minutes 04-17-04

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES OF MEETING  
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING  
 4/17/04

### ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Feinleib*	O'Riordan*	O'Neill	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrisette	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

\* Indicates present

**VISITORS:** Town Manager Brian Sullivan, Deputy Town Manager Nancy Galkowski, Paul Bayer

MINUTES of 4/14 approved. Unanimous

**BUD 16 PUBLIC WORKS:** Public Works SubCom (Olsen) recommended an additional \$35k reduction to account for the latest information on the trash collection contracts. VOTED \$6194005. Unanimous.

W&S EF: W&S Investigation SubCom (O'Riordan) reported that after a review of the Town's accounts, the funds borrowed for capital improvements were spent properly. The balance in the fund has been expended on larger than normal charges within PW. He provided a handout which summarizes revenue & expenses and equity from FY01 through FY05 (budgeted). VOTED Expenses \$13,394,166, Revenue \$14,236,818, Balance \$842,652. Unanimous.

**BUD 21d COA:** Human Resources SubCom (Deyst) reported that a State grant was lost in FY04 and the funding was made up from the General Fund by vote of Twn Mtg. This was left out of the budget request by mistake. Galkowski will verify this explanation. VOTED \$111894 with authority granted the Chair to reduce if necessary. Unanimous.

**BALANCING THE BUDGET** Sullivan provided a handout showing how the deficit of \$800k, according to the Chair's spread sheet of 4/16, would be handled. He predicts \$50k from Symmes permits, requests \$100,000 from the FY04 Reserve Fund for the snow deficit, estimates \$250k new fund from the State to the schools for SPED & METCO, expects \$250k unused funds from the schools in FY04, and \$150k from the Town (mostly from street lights). An extensive Q&A session followed. Some members doubtful that the schools agreed.

VOTED to enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining. Unanimous roll call vote.

VOTED to leave executive session. Unanimous roll call vote.

VOTED to transfer \$60k from Reserve Fund to PW to cover the snow & ice deficit. Unanimous.

VOTED to reduce the Education Budget by \$250k to account for additional State aid. Unanimous.

VOTED to use the \$400k FY04 surplus identified by the Manager to fund ART 72 Future Collective Bargaining Reserve. 14-1

**ART 72 FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:** VOTED \$2,250,000 less \$400k from FY04. 14-1. Maher to review wording to assure conformance w/ State Law.

**RESERVE FUND BALANCE:** \$386,600 - \$60,000 = \$326,600

**COMMITTEE:** No mtgs planned for next week. All comments on Draft Report & Budgets due Thursday 4/22. Wrapup dinner planned for Monday 6/21. DuBois & Fanning to find a restaurant.

Peter B Howard, Secretary, 4/19/04

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Library file, Town Manager, Town Web Site

## Budget &amp; Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote/assigned to BOS
1	2/18	2/18	999.5	Unanimous	15	2/9			BOS
2	3/29, 3/22	3/29	346,565	Unanimous	28				BOS
3	3/1	3/1	330,845	Unanimous	29		4/14		No report Unanimous
4	3/10	3/10	142,185	Unanimous	30	2/18	2/18		support BOS Unanimous
5	2/23	2/23	785,101	Unanimous	44	3/10, 3/1	3/31		150,000 13-1
6	2/23	2/23	549,140	Unanimous	45	2/23, 3/1	3/31		no action Unanimous
7	2/23	2/23	124,512	Unanimous	47				
8	3/22	3/22	265,596	Unanimous	48	3/17	3/17		BOS to report
9	2/18	2/18	705,026	Unanimous	49	2/2	2/4		favorable action Unanimous
10	3/1	3/1	197,481	Unanimous	50	2/2	2/4		Sup BOS, no action 13-1
11	3/13, 4/17	3/17	539,871	Unanimous	51	2/2	4/14		no report Unanimous
12	2/23	2/23	738,711	Unanimous	52				Budgets
13	2/18	2/18	166,919	Unanimous	53	3/22	3/22		214,085 Unanimous
14	2/18	2/18	391,895	Unanimous	54	3/10	3/10		120,671 Unanimous
15	2/18, 23	2/23	208,871	Unanimous	55	3/10	3/10		Same as FY04 Unanimous
16	3/1	3/1, 4/14, 4/17	619,400.5	Unanimous	56	3/10	3/10		488,481 Unanimous
17a	2/23	2/23	302,851	Unanimous	57	3/15, 3/29	3/29, 4/14		630,713 Unanimous
17b	2/23	2/23	433,026	12-2	58	2/8	3/31		no action Unanimous
17c	3/15	3/15	453,381	Unanimous	59	3/13, 1	4/14		\$TBD Unanimous
17d	3/15	3/15, 3/29	628,358	9-4	60	3/1	3/31		up to \$12m Unanimous
18a	2/23	2/23	301,606	Unanimous	61	2/4	3/31		no action Unanimous
18b	2/23, 3/1	3/17, 4/14	250,000	Unanimous	62	3/10	4/14		370,425 Unanimous
19	3/8	3/29, 4/17	308,918.87	11-2, 14-1	63	3/10	4/14		70,000 Unanimous
20	3/17	3/17	151,063.8	Unanimous	64	2/4	2/4		favorable action Unanimous
21a	3/1	3/1	114,115	Unanimous	65	3/10			Report at TM Raises
21b	3/1	3/1	139,007	Unanimous	66	3/10			Report at TM Raises
21c	3/1	3/1	171,938	Unanimous	67	3/10			Report at TM Raises
21d	4/17	4/17	111,894	Unanimous	68	3/10			Report at TM Raises
22/23	2/23	2/23	610,718.4	Unanimous	69	3/10			Report at TM Raises
25	3/10, 3/17	3/10, 3/17	1,080,563.1	Unanimous	70	3/10			Report at TM Raises
26	3/29	3/29	300,000	Unanimous	71	3/10			Report at TM Raises
WS	3/31	4/17	(842,652)	Unanimous	72	3/10	3/29, 4/17		129,102.5 11-2, 252,000 14-1
Rec	3/13, 1	4/12	393.7	Unanimous	73	3/10			Report at TM Raises
Rnk	3/31	3/31	134.21	Unanimous	74	3/10, 3/1	3/31, 4/14		5540 Unanimous
COA	3/1	3/1	264.9	Unanimous	75	2/4	3/31		no action Unanimous
YS	3/1	3/1	169,080	Unanimous	76	2/18	3/10, 3/15		No action Unanimous
					77	3/17	3/17		No action Unanimous
					78	3/15, 4/12	4/14		no report Unanimous
ART					79	3/17	3/17		No action Unanimous
86	3/10	3/10	211,572	Unanimous	80	2/9, 4/12	4/14		No action 11-1
87		4/14	248,910	Unanimous	81	2/9, 4/12	4/14		No action 9-0
88		4/14	No action	Unanimous	82	2/9, 4/12	4/14		No action 11-0
89	3/31	3/31	500,000	Unanimous	83	3/10	3/10		No report Unanimous
90	3/31	3/31	no action	Unanimous	84	3/10	3/10		No report Unanimous
91	3/31	3/31	141,480.3	Unanimous	85	3/10	3/10		No action Unanimous